

Press Release

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Winners of this year's FKF-Awards announced

Members of the FKF e.V. voted on European novelties 2020

On Saturday, 30th January 2021, the winners of this year's FKF-Awards were announced. The announcement took place during the FKF Convention 2021 Online, a virtual alternative programme to the previously cancelled face-to-face event. Since 2003, the FKF-Award has been presented by the Freundeskreis Kirmes und Freizeitparks e.V. (FKF) and honours special European novelties of the previous year by amusement parks and showmen.

The FKF-Award in the funfair category went to the Dutch showman **Niek Moonen** for the ride **Toxic**. The Speed Flip from Moser Rides travelled under a different showman until 2012 and had been in storage since then. The re-themed and very wild ride is guaranteed to create a great atmosphere at any fairground.

The second FKF-Award goes to **Erlebnispark Tripsdrill**. The Suspended Family Coaster **Hals-über-Kopf**, built by Dutch manufacturer Vekoma, won in the roller coaster category. Four inversions and various crossings with the Family Boomerang Volldampf, which opened at the same time, ensure lots of fun for young and old visitors!

Phantasialand won in the park category for its new steampunk themed world **Rookburgh**. The highlight of the highly immersive area is a Flying Coaster from the manufacturer Vekoma. The themed world also includes a hotel with a bar, a restaurant, a chocolate factory and a sandwich stall. The unique overall experience impressed the members of the association.

Every year, the attractions worthy of an award are nominated by the over 1.300 association members themselves. The subsequent voting takes place via the association's internal and self-developed voting system. The award is symbolised by a glass cube with a three-dimensional laser-engraved Ferris wheel.

The Freundeskreis Kirmes und Freizeitparks e.V. congratulates all winners. If the situation allows, the FKF-Awards will be handed over personally to the respective

winners during the course of the year. On this occasion, the merit will be acknowledged with a greeting from the board and an additional award plaque next to the glass cube. Further information on the voting process and the latest winners can be found at www.fkf-award.de.

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The Freundeskreis Kirmes und Freizeitparks e.V. is Germany's largest association for funfair and amusement park fans. The association was founded in December 1997 at the Winterdom in Hamburg. The FKF e.V. continuously organises a variety of meetings and events in amusement parks and at funfairs, whereby the focus is the community of the association members.